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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

Claims 5-8 are now pending in this application, in which claims 1 and 8 has been amended. This application is a Continuation of patent application Serial No. 10/015,414, filed on December 12, 2001, now pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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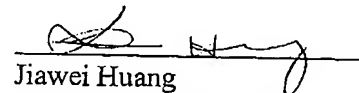
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 5-8 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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